

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 7-12 and 15-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 14-6 and 13-14 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended so as to be independent from to include the limitations of Claims 1, as previously amended. Claims 2-3 and 7-12 have been amended to depend from Claim 10. New Claims 15-20 have been added to the subject application, and depend from Claim 11. These new claims reflect the subject matter originally recited in Claims 2-3 and 7-12, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, nor have any new issues been raised.

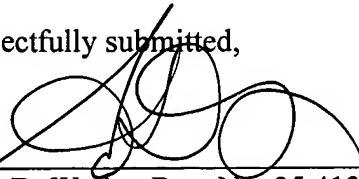
Importantly, Claims 10 and 11, as amended, now recite the limitation "**by-pass capacitor**" as opposed to the previously recited "**bias capacitor**." This change has arisen as a result of a recently recognized error in the English translation of the Japanese priority document (Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-110258). It is respectfully submitted that this amendment to the claims (and to the specification) does not constitute new matter nor does it affect the allowability of the pending claims over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims now pending in this application, namely Claims 2, 3, 7-12 and 15-20, are directed to patentable subject matter, and allowance thereof is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,



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